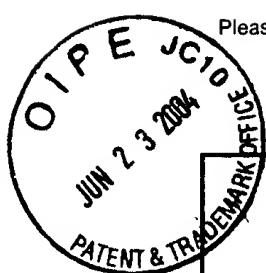


06-25-04

Af/FFW
1635Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/21 (05-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number 09/990,181

Filing Date November 21, 2001

First Named Inventor GONDA, IGOR

Group Art Unit 1635

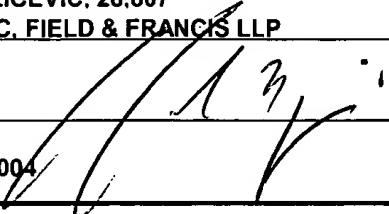
Examiner Name SCHNIZER, RICHARD

Attorney Docket Number AERX-088

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Documents <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): postcard |
| Remarks | | |

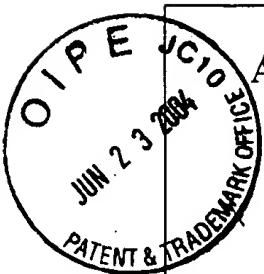
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Signing Attorney/Agent (Reg. No.) | KARL BOZICEVIC, 28,807 BOZICEVIC, FIELD & FRANCIS LLP |
| Signature |  |
| Date | June 23, 2004 |

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV 333 997 485 US

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



**AMENDMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Address to:
Mail Stop
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Attorney Docket No. | AERX-088 |
| Confirmation No. | 1229 |
| First Named Inventor | GONDA, IGOR |
| Application Number | 09/990,181 |
| Filing Date | November 21, 2001 |
| Group Art Unit | 1635 |
| Examiner Name | SCHNIZER, RICHARD |
| Title: | “COMPOSITIONS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND CATIONIC AMINOGLYCOSIDES AND METHODS OF USING AND PREPARING THE SAME” |

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 20, 2004. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.